MUSTERING OUT VOLUNTEERS

FIRST ORDERS ISSUED BY THE WAR DE-PARTMENT

Washington, Jan. 3 (Special).-The War Department to-day issued the first orders to carry at its project for mustering out fifty thousand upon the proclamation of peace. The first regiment to be affected is the 1st New-York, which has just returned from Hawaii, and whose commanding officer, Colonel Barber, will be nominated to the Senate to-morrow as brigadier-general of volunteers.

According to orders issued to-day, the 3d North Carolina Infantry (colored) and the 6th Virginia Infantry (colored), which are both in camp at Macon, Ga., where they have given considerable trouble, will proceed to the locali-

The original plan of the War Department involved the release of about thirty volunteer regiments furnished by the States, including all on duty in the Philippines. The diffich have arisen at Hotlo and the impossibility of replacing the volunteers in the by Regulars within the next month California Infantry, Benleia Barracks, California: Batteries B and C. California Artillery, San Francisco: 1st Florida, Huntsville, Ala.; Companies A and B, 1st Indiana (colored), Chickamauga, Ga.: 4th Missouri Infantry, Greenville, mauga, Ga. 4th Aissouri Infantry (colored).
S. C.: 3d North Carolina Infantry (colored).
Macon. Ga. 3d New-Jersey Infantry, Athens.
Ga. 68th New-York Infantry. Huntsville, Ala..
9th Ohio Battalion (colored), Summerville, S. C.:
9th Pennsylvania, Athens, Ga.: South Carolina
15th Pennsylvania, Athens, Ga.: South Carolina
Heavy Battery, Sullivan's Island, S. C.: 2d Tennessee
Infantry, Columbia, S. C.: 3d Tennessee nessee Infantry, Columbia, S. C.: 34 Tennessee Infantry, Anniston, Ala.; 6th Virginia Infantry (colored), Macon, Ga.

SUPREME COURT DECISIONS.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Justice Peckham to-day handed down the opinion of the United States Supreme Court in the case of the United States egainst the Buffalo Natural Gas and Fuel Company, appealed by the United States from the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. The case involved the right of the company to import gas free of duty from Canada by means of pipes under the Niagara River. The sinion classifies natural gas as crude bitumen, and has the effect of admitting it free of duty under the Tariff law of 1850 and the present law.

The court dismissed the case involving the right

of the corporation of Kansas City, Kan., to sell lands of the Union Pacific Railroad Company on the ground that it had no jurisdiction. The case was decided by the Supreme Court of Kansas egainst the contention of the railroad company that its lands could not be sold for taxes.

Justice Brewer handed down an opinion in the case of the United States against Edward P. Bliss. executor of Donald Mackay, deceased. The suit originated in the Court of Claims, and was to recover money above the contract prize for the con tion of the monitor Ashuelot in the Civil War. The Court of Claims decided favorably to the claimants, making an allowance, among other items, for Supreme Court reversed the lower court's decision this item, holding that the decision was conof the contract. There are a number of cases pending in Congress involving the

A suit involving the validity of county bonds in Arizona was decided. The case validates \$28.84 worth of bonds issued by Pima County in ald of the Arizona Narrow Gauge Rallroad. It was based on Arizona Narrow Gauge Railroad. It was based on a petition for a mandamus to the Governor and other Territorial officers to compel them to issue bonds in lieu of those originally issued in ISS. The Supreme Court of the Territory denied this petition, but the opinion of the Supreme Court, which was handed down to-day by Justice Brown, reverses this devision and remands the case for further proceedings in compliance with the original petition. The Court decided a complicated will case, involving the construction of a codicil contrary to the language used. Mrs. Mary Ruth made a bequest of \$6.00 to the hospital of the University of Fennaylvania and then devised the remainder of her estate to the Home for Incurables in New-York. On the same date she made a codicil revoking the bequest to the Home for Incurables and bequeaching that amount to Emeline Colville. The Court head that the designation of the Home in the codicil was incorrect, and that the intention of the testator was to divert the bequest made to the Pennsylvania institution to Mrs. Colville.

ESTIMATES FOR NEW WARSHIPS.

THE FIFTEEN RECOMMENDED BY SECRETARY LONG TO COST OVER \$50,000,000.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Secretary Long has prepared detailed estimates for the fifteen warships he recommended to be constructed in his annual report. ships are \$14,168,400, and for construction and engi-meering \$36,100,800

NAVAL ORDERS.

Washington, Jan. 3.-The following Naval orders have been insued:
Lieutenant A. MERTZ is detached from the Emex and
ordered home on three months' sick leave. Energy K. M. BENNETT is detached from the Amphi-trite and ordered to the Essex.

Medical Director J. C. AYRES was promoted to the grade of medical director, with the rank of captain, Decem-

ded Assistant Paymaster M. M. RAMSAY is assigned to duty as pay officer of the Dolphin.

to following others were honorably discharged December 30: Ensign J M. FLINN, Ensign J H. POTTER, Passed Assistant Engineer H. S. PUGSLEY and Passed Assistant Engineer B. F. HAT.

following officers were honorably discharged December 25: Lieutenant H. L. THOMPSON, Lieutenant W. E. WIELF Lieutenant S. JENKINS, Assistant Engineer E. S. COX and Assistant Engineer C. S. HOWE.

The application made by ex-Congressman J. J. Adams to compel Risch & Roberts, attorneys for the Havana City Hallway Company, to disclose the authority possessed by them for bringing an action to compel Juan M. Ceballos of this city. Frederick R Robi Francisco Pla and the American Indies Company to transfer to the Havana company an assignment of the francisc of a street Ceballos in Havana, which it is alleged is in the Supreme Court yesterday. The Justice Says the Suprems Court yesterday by which the suit a brought must be raised on the trial of the surance Society, of this city, a post for which he surance Nash yesterday reserved his decision. AN HAVANA STREET RAILROAD FRANCHISE

THE NATIONAL FINANCES.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES IN DECEM-

BER-THE PUBLIC DEBT Washington, Jan. 3.—The monthly statement of the receipts and 'expenditures of the United States shows that the total receipts for December were \$41.404,793, compared with \$59,646,698 for December. \$31,700,000 received on account of the Pacific Rall-Independent of those payments, the in crease for the last month, compared with the corre receipts from customs last month were \$16,764,324 The internal revenue receipts were \$22,621,318, an in crease of \$8,300,000. The receipts for the six months since July 1, 1898, amounted to \$245,961,889, a over the corresponding period in 1897 of over \$38. Pacific railroads. In the last six months the re-

176,286, an increase in the month of \$1,702,799. This increase is due to the delivery of 2 per cent bonds of the new issue previously paid for. The debt is recapitulated as follows:

Total

in certificates and Treasury notes outstanding, ich are offset by an equal amount of cash in the easury. The cash in the Treasury is classified

deposits in National banks, disburs-officer's balances, etc. 95.225.855

Against this there are demand liabilities out-tanding amounting to \$53,566,556, leaving a net asin balance of \$254,754,855.

The monthly statement of the Controller of the Jureacy shows that on December 31 the total freulation of National bark notes was \$242,752,165, in increase for the year of \$14,804,824 and for the month of \$1,032,657. The circulation based on Inited States bonds amounted to \$214,015,987, an inmonth of \$1,020.007. The circulation based on United States bonds amounted to \$214.05.007, an increase for the year of \$17,509.804 and for the month of \$87.404. The circulation secured by lawful money aggregated \$29,119.118, a decrease for the year of \$1.000.070 and an increase for the month of \$245.522. The amount of United States bends on deposit to secure circulation was \$229.942.550, and to secure public deposits \$71,221.920. statement of the Director of the

ARMY BEEF INVESTIGATION.

ofal coinage in December was \$. (fold, \$9.492.945; silver, \$3.275.4 \$58.958.

THE BOARD OF SURVEY DECIDES TO MAKE A THOROUGH INQUIRY.

Washington, Jan. 3.-The Board of Survey ap pointed by the Secretary of War to examine into ort on the responsibility for the loss of hree hundred thousand pounds of refrigerated beef from Swift & Co., which was rejected by General Miles on its arrival at Ponce. Porto Rico, and was thrown overboard on the return voyage, met to day, but decided that, as the proceedings were board of survey has no power to administer oaths. endations, subject to review by the appointing

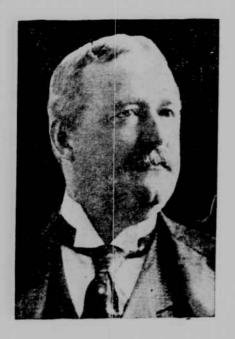
supplied to the Army. Last week he made p a statement from Armour & Co. and to-day give out for publication letters from all except of the firms which supplied the meat, either frigorated or canned. Like Armour & Co. t firms say that no chemicals are used in the p esses, and their meat has always given a faction.

THE COMMISSION TO MAKE AN INQUIRY. restigating Commission has decided to make a thorough investigation of the complaints made about the beef furnished to the Army. A sumabout the beef furnished to the Army. A summons was issued to-day for the appearance before the Commission next Friday of Major Daly, the chief surgeon at the Army headquarters at Tampa before the departure of the Shafter expedition, who made a vigorous report, forwarded by General Miles, in condemnation of the beef. The Swift Packing Company, of Chicago, will be heard next Monday in defence of the supplies.

PRESIDENT OF THE NEW-YORK LIFE.

JOHN A. M'CALL'S CONSPICUOUS POSITION IN INSURANCE AFFAIRS.

John A. McCall, president of the New-York Life Insurance Company, one of the largest organiza-tions of its kind in the world, occupies a most conspicuous position in the financial and commercial life of the metropolis. It is now about seven years since he took the presidency of the company by reason of a unanimous vote of its trustees, and his loadership results have been accom-



JOHN A M'CALL. esident of the New-York Life Insurance Company.

and the interests of the institution deep at heart. His reorganization of the company's agency forces at the time he entered office and his wise and judicious management of its affairs from that day to this have been masterpleces of fact and ability. Mr. McCall has made 'nsurance the study of his life. After completing his education in his native city, Albany, he soon found himrelf a book-Life Insurance Company 'n that city. In 1869 he obtained a place in the State Insurance Depar ment at Albany. His fulthfulness to duty, coupled with unusual ability and energy, won for him rapid

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was eminently fitted. This he relinquished in 1892 when he was made president of the New-York Life. Mr. McCall played a prominent part in the bond subscription of 1896, and his interest in mat-ters affecting public interests has been a feature of his work in recent years.

THE MAYOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARDS.

HE SENDS A REMINDER THAT A FAILURE TO SUPPLY NEEDED ACCOMMODATIONS BY THE FALL WILL BE STRONG EVI

Van Wyck sent the following letter to eac nember of the city School Boards yesterday

of this year will be strong evidence of on the part of those charged with the ad-

ROBERT A. VAN WYCK, Magor. THE THIRTY-NINTH-ST. FERRY SUIT.

JUSTICE SCOTT ORDERS THAT RICHARD A. SAAL FIELD AMEND HIS COMPLAINT.

Justice Scott, in the Supreme Court, yesterday Bayard Cutting to compel Richard A. Saalfield to furnish to him a bill of particulars in a suit which on the sale of the Thirty-ninth-st, ferry to an English syndicate. Saalfield alleged that he went to London and managed to get certain English capitalists to purchase the ferry, its franchises and other privileges for \$0.000,000, but the saie was not completed by Mr. Cutting, who owns the ferry. Justice Scott says that the motion is premature, as the defendant can frame his answer without receiving a bill of particulars. He says, however, that the complaint is most indefinite and uncertain, and grants an application to compel Saalfield to tell definitely what his engagement with Mr. Cutting was, and what prevented him from completing his negotiations with the English purchasers of the ferry rights.

ALLEGED BANK SWINDLER HELD.

NOW SAID TO HAVE SECURED \$500,000 BY HIS OPERATIONS.

David Rothchild, the Cincinnati bar fixture man facturer, who was arrested last week, charged with having swindled the Central National Bank out of \$5,000, giving as collateral for a loan of that sum worthless notes signed by drivers employed by the concern, was again arraigned in the Centre-st.
police court yesterday, and held for further examination on January 12. His ball was increased In addition to the Central National Bank people

there were in court representatives of the Astor Place Bank, the losses of which through Rothchild America, from which the defendant is said to have secured about \$25,000 on similar paper; the secured about \$25,000 on similar paper: the Mechanics and Traders Bank, which estimates its loss at about \$10,000 and the Chemical Bank. The latter institution's representatives refuse to tell the exact extent of its losses. It is also said that Robehild used similar methods in dealing with banking institutions in Chicago, Cleveland and Cincinnati, securing large sums. The azgregate is placed at \$500,000 in round figures.

It is not probable that the other banks defrauded will prefer charges against Rothchild, as it is thought that in the case of the Central National he will be convicted.

TO RELIEVE CONGESTION OF THE TOMBS. The crowded condition of the Tombs prison is a source of much anxiety just now to the judges the Court of General Sessions. There were 500

said that there were ninety-two cases for its investigation, and suggested that the Grand Jury meet at 10:20 o'clock instead of the usual hour of ill, and continue work until their work was finished for the day. Several lawyers in Part I of the Court of General Sessions asked that their cases be put down at the foot of the calendar. This almost made Jurke Newburger jump from his seat. He lectured the lawyers, and said that the cases must be tried when reached, and intimated that there would be no delay over cases on account of the whims of lawyers.

POLICEMAN O'BRIEN IN TROUBLE AGAIN. Charges of false arrest were made yesterday against Policemen J. J. O'Brien and John W. Finn, of the Elizabeth-st. station. The complainant is Mrs. Mezzadri, wife of a grocer at No. 22 Mulberry-st. She accuses the men of brutality. The woman was arrested by the policemen, but was not held The charges will probably be irled next Thursday O Brien is the policeman who cloped in Washington with the daughter of Admiral Poster. He also brought charges against Mr. Petersen, the complaint clerk under the Roose-elt Hoard, which he failed to substantiate. A few months ago he was accused of having assaulted a Greek pedier in Fourteenth-si.

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REMARKABLE END TO A CHARGE OF DIAMOND

STEALING MADE BY AN ABSENT-MINDED ARTIST

Captain Haughey, of the East One-hundredand-twenty-sixth-st. station, was dozing near the fire in the station-house last Saturday night, when well-dressed man entered in a great state of ex-itement. The visitor had long hair, curling picturasquely over his shoulders, and he described him-self as Victor Gerschel, an artist, of No. 105 East One-hundred-and-eighteenth-st. In breathless and excited tones he said he had lost a valuable dia mond pin. Captain Haughey summoned Detectives Halloran, Weller and Reid, and Mr. Gerschel told them that he had lost the pin some time in the course of the day. His wife had arrived on the steamship Paris from Europe, and her two trunks were taken by two men, who carried them into the Victor, afterward told him that he saw one of the men looking at the pir The detectives soon found the men who took the trunks in the house, and they were arraigned before Magistrate Oimsted in the Harlem Police Court on Sunday. The boy, Victor Gerschel, idennoon. Failing to give ball he was locked up.

but failed to identify Hale. Van Orden was held in \$1,000 ball for examination yesterday after-Detective Halloran called at the Gerschel house yesterday and found the artist at work in his studio. He had not thought anything about going to court, but he immediately began to get ready. it took him some time to make his tollet, and De-lective Halloran looked on and waited for him. While arranging his tie Gerschel said that it was his custom to wear a four-in-hand, but for court ourposes he thought he would put on a puff scarf, the was arranging the scarf when Detective Hallo-an saw a diamond pin glistening in its folds. "That's a pretty diamond pin you have there," he said.

mean the diamond pin in the scarf," said Hal-

There is no pin in it. Fernander out the pindetsctive went up to him and pointed out the pinGerschel sat down bewildered.

"Why that's the pin I thought I had lost," he
finally blurted out. "Dear me.

With the detective he hurried to court, and explained that he had found the pin which he thought
had been stolen, and asked to have Van Orden
discharged. This was done. The man had been
locked up in jall since Saturday night.

ECONOMIZING ON TELEPHONE CALLS.

CITY OFFICIALS MUST USE PAY STATIONS FOR OUT-OF-TOWN CALLS IN FUTURE.

Commissioner Kearny, of the Department of Pubic Buildings, Lighting and Supplies, yesterday sent to the City Council a communication announcing that he had ordered the New-York and New-Jersey Telephone Company not to answer any calls or long-distance telephones to other cities and out-of-

The bills for long-distance calls for the last year, the Commissioner said, had been enormous and be was satisfied that all, or nearly all, the calls had been on private business. City officials and others who wish to talk with persons outside the city will have to use other telephones in future than those in public buildings.

Fetitions of the Third Avenue and Union Railway companies for extensions and connections in The Bronx, which were temporarily withdrawn, on account of failure to comply with a legal technicality, were reintroduced, and referred to the Railroad Committee.

KILLED BY PERSONS UNKNOWN. Coroner Zucca and a jury held an inquest yester. Coroner Zucca and a jury held an inquest yester-day to ascertain the cause of death of Jean Baptiste Colin, the aid French flower pedier, who was found dead in his celiar. No. 217 West Twenty-eighth-st. on the morning of December 19. Deputy-Coroner Williams, after making an autopsy, said that the old man had undoubtedly been murdered. The Deputy-Coroner caused a sensation at the hearing by declaring in dramatic tones: "Gentlemen, this man never committed suicide, and he was not killed by failing on a bottle. He was murdered, and with a small knife. The work of cutting could have been done by a woman."

After hearing the testimony the jury returned a verdict that the man came to his death at the hands of some person unknown to the jury.

Coachmen's Capes, all sizes, \$10 prisoners in the jail yesterday. The congestion is \$15, \$25, \$35; black bear, \$60, \$70 due in part to the length of time taken by the and \$85; a few extra large and very trials in the Moore badger cases.

Judge Newburger yesterday in charging the Grand Jury, of which Maynard Hollister, a linen merchant, of No. 71 Worth-st. is the foreman, said that there were ninety-two cases for its in-Shavne, 124 West 42d st.

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